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10 INVENTION: SUPPLY MODULE FOR FEEDING ELECTRICAL
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Amend the above-identified international application before entry into the
national stage before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371
as follows:

20 **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, in line 1, delete "Description";
before the title, insert --

SPECIFICATION

TITLE--;

after the title, insert --

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--;

5 in line 6, before "invention" insert --present--;
after line 8, insert --

Description of the Related Art--;

in line 10, before "EP 0 460 834 A1" insert --European patent document--;
after line 33, insert --

10 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;**

in line 34, before "invention" insert --present--; and
in lines 37 and 38, delete "accordance with claim 1." and insert --a supply
module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting
machine, in which case the components can be displaced in the supply module
15 into a collection position from which they can be removed by a component-
mounting head of the automatic component-mounting machine and can be placed
onto a component carrier to be populated, a removal side of the collection position
can be blocked by means of an adjustable locking element that covers the supplied
component at least partially in a blocking position and that releases the
20 component in a removal position, the locking element is designed as a strip
extending in the advancing direction, the width of which strip is less than the
lateral distance between the component and an adjacent exterior side of the supply
module, the exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being
perpendicular to the advancing plane, and the locking element can be moved
25 transversely with respect to the advancing direction into the edge region between
the component and the exterior side.--.

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On page 2, in line 10, delete "said" and insert --the--;

in line 16, delete "characterized in the claims 2 to 4:" and insert --provided
by the locking element being designed as a narrow finger projecting in the
advancing direction, the free end of which finger forming the strip and projecting
into the removal region of the component in the blocking position, and the free
end being movable into the edge region by lateral deflection. In a preferred
embodiment, the finger is designed as a freely projecting bending spring which is
anchored by its non-free end on a fixed bearing of the supply module. In one
embodiment, the bending spring is designed as an electrically actuatable bending
transducer, in particular of piezoceramic.-- ;

in line 17, delete "according to claim 2";

in line 24, delete "The" and insert --A further-- and delete "according to
claim 3--; and

in line 33, delete "The" and insert --Another-- and delete "according to
claim 4--.

On page 3, after line 5, insert --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

in line 6, before "invention" insert --present--;

in line 8, change "drawing" to --drawings--;

after line 16, insert --

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;

in line 18, after "reel" insert --10--;

in line 30, after "drive" insert --12-- and delete "(not illustrated)";

in line 33, delete "(not illustrated)" and after "head" insert --16--;

in line 35, after "arrow" insert --18--; and

in line 38, change "arrow" to --arrow 20--.

On page 4, in line 20, after "element 7" insert --from a control 22-- and
after "applied" insert --by the control 22--; and
after line 28, add the following new paragraph --

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those
skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent
warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come
within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

On page 5, in line 1, change "Patent Claims" to --We Claim:--.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A supply module [(2)] for feeding electrical components
[(5)] to an automatic component-mounting machine having a component-
mounting head, comprising:
a component displacement apparatus in which [case] the electrical components are
[(5) can be] displaced in an advancing direction along an advancing plane
to a removal [in the supply module into a collection] position from which
the components are [they can be] removed by the [a] component-mounting
head of the automatic component-mounting machine [and can be placed
onto a component carrier to be populated], said component displacement
apparatus defining a removal opening at a removal side through which the
component-mounting head removes the electrical components; [in which
case a removal side of the collection position can be blocked by means of]
an adjustable locking element [(7),] that [covers the supplied component (5)] at
least partially blocks an electrical component at the removal opening when
said adjustable locking element is in a blocking position and that releases
the electrical component at the removal opening when said adjustable

locking element is [(5)] in a removal position, [characterized in that the] said adjustable locking element including [(7) is designed as] a strip extending in the advancing direction, said strip having a [the] width of [which strip is] less than a [the] lateral distance between the electrical component at the removal opening [(5)] and an adjacent exterior side [(3)] of the component displacement apparatus [supply module (2)], said adjacent exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being perpendicular to the advancing plane, said adjustable [and in that the] locking element being selectively movable [(7) can be moved] transversely with respect to the advancing direction into an [the] edge region between the electrical component at the removal position [(5)] and the exterior side [(3)].

2.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 1, wherein said adjustable [characterized in that the] locking element [(7)] is [designed as] a narrow finger projecting in the advancing direction, said narrow finger having a [the] free end [of] which [finger] forms the strip and projects into the removal position over the electrical [region of the] component [(5)] in the blocking position, and said [in that the] free end being movable [can be moved] into the edge region by lateral deflection.

3.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 2, wherein said narrow [characterized in that the] finger [(e.g. 7)] is [designed as] a freely projecting bending spring which is anchored by its non-free end on a fixed bearing [(8)] of the component displacement apparatus [supply module (2)].

4.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 3, wherein said

freely projecting [characterized in that the] bending spring is [designed as] an electrically actuatable [, in particular piezoceramic,] bending transducer [(e.g. 7)].

Add new claim 5 as follows:

- 5 5. A supply module as claimed in claim 4, wherein said electrically actuatable bending transducer is of piezoceramic material.

Add new claim 6 as follows:

- 10 6. A component supply module for supplying components to a mounting head, comprising:
a component carrying belt moving in a conveying direction and having
component holding locations distributed along its length;
a cover over said component carrying belt to hold the components in said
component holding locations during movement of said component
carrying belt, said cover defining a removal opening at a removal position
through which the mounting head accesses the components for removal
15 from the supply module; and
a component restraining element mounted on said cover and having a free end
extending over said removal opening when in a restraining position, said
component restraining element substantially preventing the component in
said removal position from being dislodged from its component holding
20 location when said component restraining element is in the restraining
position, said component restraining element being selectively movable to
a release position that permits the component in said removal position to
be removed from its component holding location by the mounting head.

Add new claim 7 as follows:

7. A component supply module as claimed in claim 6, wherein said component restraining element is an elongated strip having a fixed end mounted so said cover and a free end that flexes to move said release position.

Add new claim 8 as follows:

8. A component supply module as claimed in claim 7, wherein said component restraining element is a piezoceramic strip, and further comprising: a voltage supply selectively connectable to said piezoceramic strip cause said strip to flex between said restraining position and said removal position.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Cancel the abstract and add a new abstract as follows:

A supply module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine has a locking element which is a piezoceramic bending transducer that extends in the longitudinal direction of the supply module along a supply path for the components. A free end of the locking element projects into a window of the supply module to an extent such that the locking element is located slightly above the component which has been conveyed there and is ready for removal. By applying an operating voltage to the locking element, the locking element can be deflected laterally to an extent such that it is moved out of the coverage region over the component transversely with respect to the component advancing direction.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification and claims under Article 41 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty place the application into a form for prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371.

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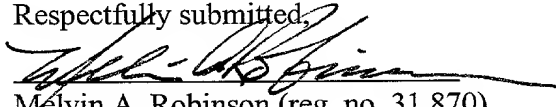
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SIR:

Enclosed is a copy of the drawings as filed, showing Figures 1 - 3 on a
single sheet. Also enclosed is a second copy of the drawings marked in red with
proposed drawing changes. In particular, elements disclosed and claimed in the
20 application are added to the drawings. No new matter is added thereby. Approval
of the proposed drawing changes is hereby requested.

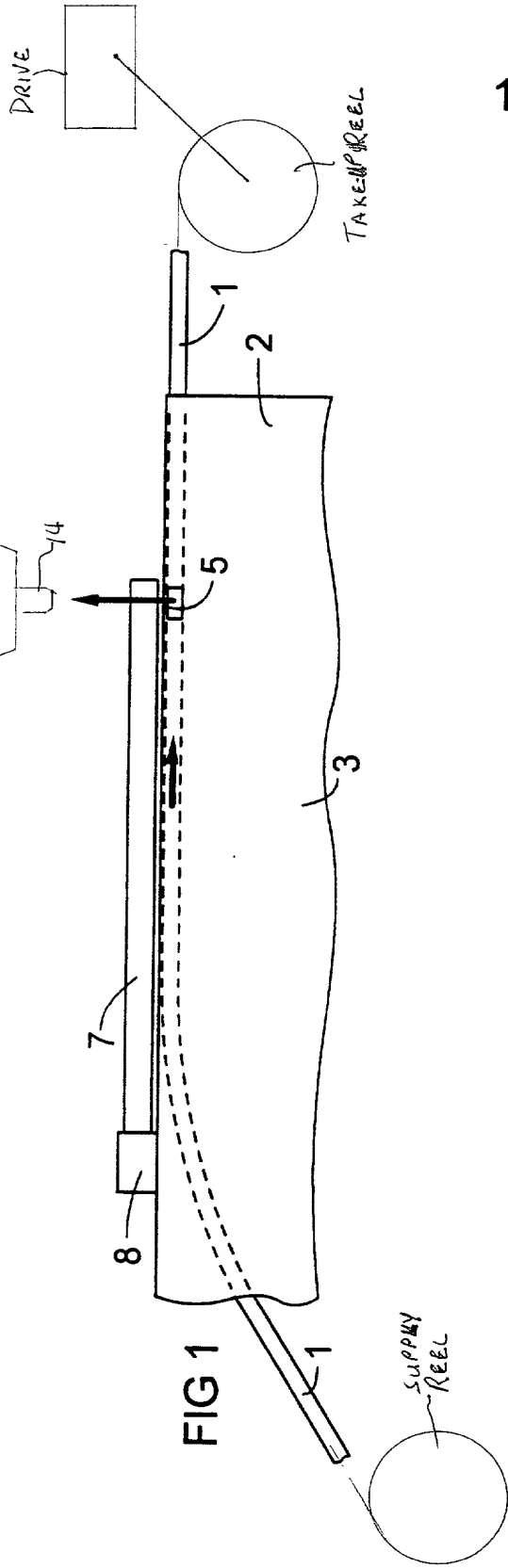
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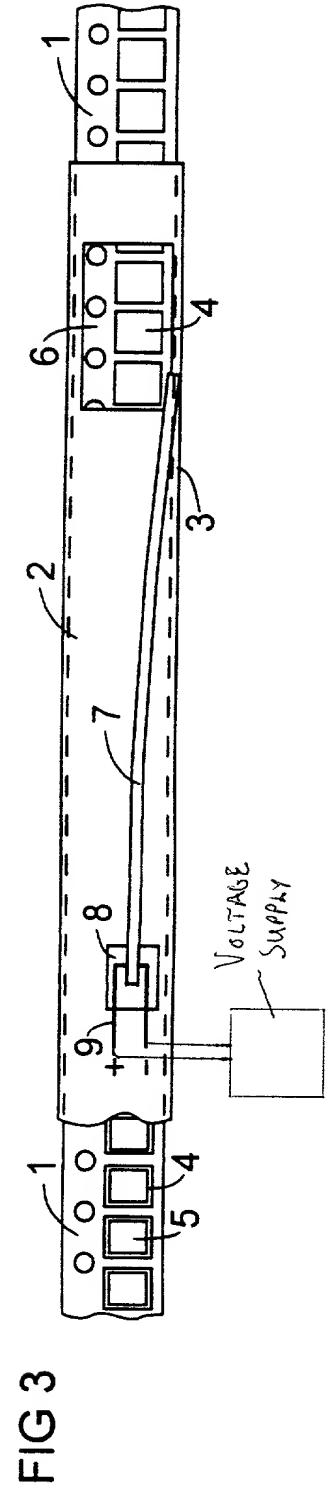
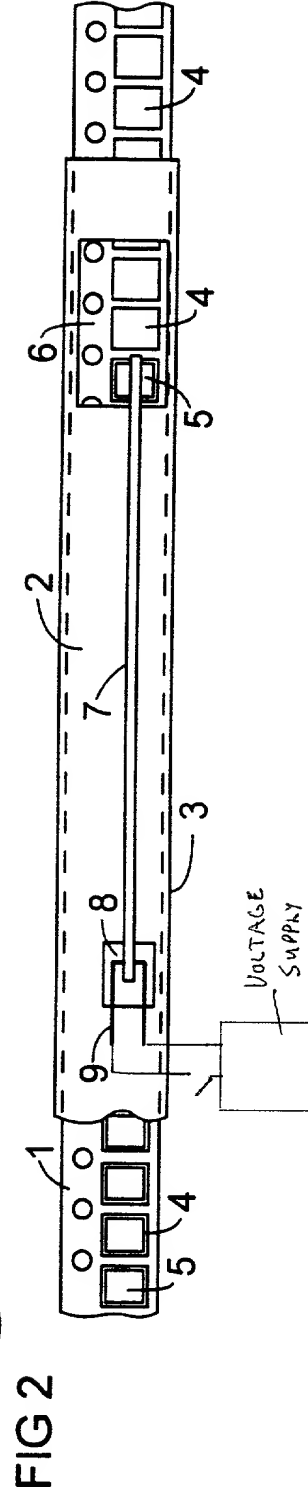
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Description

Supply module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine.

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The invention relates to a supply module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine.

- 10 A module of this type has been disclosed e.g. by EP 0 460 834 A1, according to which the components are stored in a carrier belt that is drawn progressively through the module. In this case, the components are conveyed to a collection position under a slide which can be moved in the advancing direction.
- 15 In order to prevent the components from jumping out upon jerky advancing of the belt, the slide initially covers the collection position, and releases it upon the approach of a removal tool of the automatic component-mounting machine, so that the component can
- 20 be removed e.g. by means of a suction pipette. The slide is actuated by means of a lever mechanism coupled to a drive for the component belt, the slide excursion being equal to the pitch of the component belt.

- Supply modules of this type are kept as narrow
- 25 as possible so that the largest possible number can be arranged in the access region of the component-mounting tool. Components of different lengths can be accommodated in component belts of the same width. The belt advancing is designed such that the advancing
- 30 length can be matched to the different pitches of the belt. The slide excursion must be kept large enough that even the longest components can be reliably covered.

- The invention is based on the object of
- 35 simplifying the supply module with regard to the securing and release of the components. This object is achieved by means of the invention in accordance with claim 1.

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The maximum length of the components oriented in the advancing direction is considerably larger than the maximum width. The transversally deflectable locking element thus requires a smaller excursion which, moreover, may be independent of the dimensions of the component. As a result, the actuating mechanism of the locking element can be designed considerably more simply. In the case of wide components, in particular, it is possible that the locking element is narrower than said components. It is therefore advantageous if the locking element covers the center of the components at a short distance in the blocking position, in order to reliably impede the component on emplacement.

15 Advantageous developments of the invention are
characterized in the claims 2 to 4:

The finger according to claim 2 can, for example, be mounted pivotably at its other end and be held in its blocking position by a torsion spring. A particular advantage is that the locking element can be arranged and mounted completely above the component belt. The finger can be laterally deflected e.g. by means of a simple plunger having a small excursion.

The development according to claim 3 simplifies the locking even more. The bending spring located edgewise above the component belt can easily be deflected laterally but is sufficiently stiff in the direction perpendicular to the belt plane to absorb the small emplacement forces of the components. The locking element is anchored on the supply module only at its non-free end and requires no additionally support or guidance whatsoever.

The development according to claim 4 combines the drive and blocking functions of the locking element in one structural part which can be actuated simply by applying an electric voltage. Such bending transducers can be

acquired inexpensively in suitable dimensions. The mechanical outlay is limited to the fixed clamping point on the supply module and to the connection of an electrical line to the electrical potentials present in the supply module.

The invention is explained in more detail below using an exemplary embodiment which is illustrated in the drawing.

Figure 1 shows a diagrammatic side view of a supply module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine,

Figure 2 shows a plan view of the supply module according to Figure 1 with a locking element located in the blocking position,

Figure 3 shows the supply module according to Figure 2 with the locking element in an open position.

According to Figures 1 and 2, a component belt 1 unwound from a reel is guided through a supply module 2 at a short distance from an exterior side 3 of the supply module 2 in accordance with the dashed lines, the exterior side 3 extending in the longitudinal direction of the component belt 1 and perpendicularly to the plane thereof.

The component belt 1 has pockets 4 strung closely together in its longitudinal direction and serving for accommodating electrical components 5 that are to be supplied. The component belt 1 is drawn progressively through the supply module 2 in accordance with the pitch spacing of the pockets 4 by means of a drive (not illustrated). In this case, the components 5 pass under a window 6 - open to the top - of the supply module 1, where they can be gripped by a suction pipette (not illustrated) of a component-mounting head for populating printed circuit boards and be lifted out in accordance with the arrow perpendicular to the component belt 1 in Figure 1. The advancing direction of the component belt 1 is indicated by the horizontal arrow.

There is arranged above the supply path of the component belt 1 a locking element 7 after the manner of a leaf spring clamped at one end, which spring extends in the central plane of the components 5 along the supply path and the material plane of which spring is perpendicular to the plane of the component belt 1. The free end of the locking element 7 projects from the supply direction into the window 6 to an extent such that it is located centrally above the component 5 which is situated therein and which is ready for removal. As a result, this exposed component 5 is prevented from changing its collection position upon jerky advancing of the component belt 1. The locking element 7 is designed as a piezoelectric bending transducer whose other end is clamped in a fixed bearing 8 of the supply module 2. The locking element 7 extends rectilinearly in the inactivated state.

In the region of the fixed bearing 8, electrical lines 9 are connected to the piezoceramic locking element 7. When a voltage is applied, the locking element 7 is deflected laterally as shown in Figure 3 to an extent such that it releases the component 5 which is ready for removal, which component is then lifted out of the pocket 4 of the component belt 1 in accordance with the vertical arrow in Figure 1. The applied voltage is then switched off, whereupon the locking element 7 springs back to its starting position and projects above the subsequent component.

Patent claims

1. A supply module (2) for feeding electrical components (5) to an automatic component-mounting machine,

in which case the components (5) can be displaced in the supply module into a collection position from which they can be removed by a component-mounting head of the automatic component-mounting machine and can be placed onto a component carrier to be populated,

in which case a removal side of the collection position can be blocked by means of an adjustable locking element (7), that covers the supplied component (5) at least partially in a blocking position and that releases the component (5) in a removal position,

characterized

in that the locking element (7) is designed as a strip extending in the advancing direction, the width of which strip is less than the lateral distance between the component (5) and an adjacent exterior side (3) of the supply module (2), said exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being perpendicular to the advancing plane, and

in that the locking element (7) can be moved transversally with respect to the advancing direction into the edge region between the component (5) and the exterior side (3).

2. The supply module as claimed in claim 1, characterized

in that the locking element (7) is designed as a narrow finger projecting in the advancing direction, the free end of which finger forms the strip and projects into the removal region of the component (5) in the blocking position, and in that the free end can be moved into the edge region by lateral deflection.

3. The supply module as claimed in claim 2, characterized

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Supply module for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine

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The supply module (2) has a locking element (7) which is designed as a piezoceramic bending transducer and that extends in the longitudinal direction of the supply module (2) along a supply path for components (5). A free end of the locking element (7) projects into a window of the supply module (2) to an extent such that said locking element is located slightly above the component (5) which has been conveyed there and is ready for collection. By applying an operating voltage to the locking element (7), said locking element can be deflected laterally to an extent such that it is moved out of the coverage region of the component (5) transversally with respect to the advancing direction.

20 This considerably simplifies the locking and
release of the component.

Figure 3

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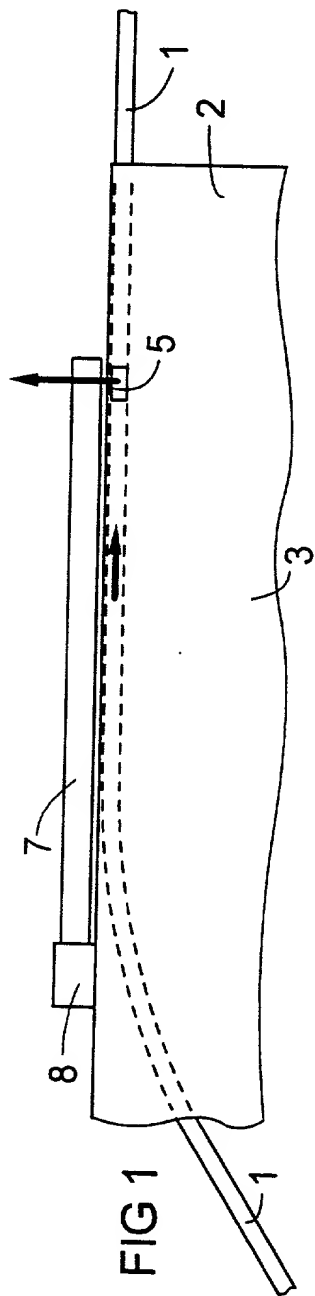


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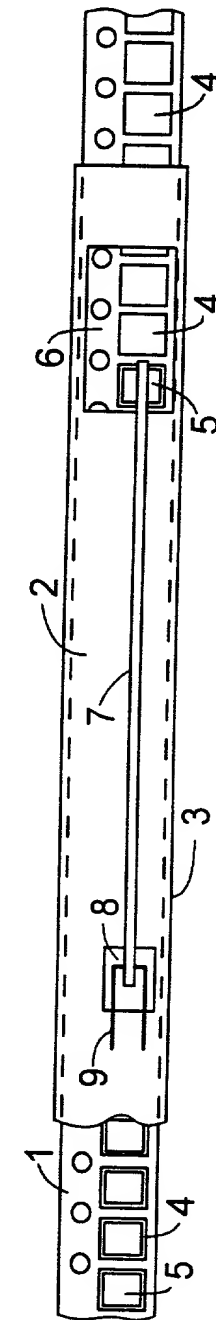


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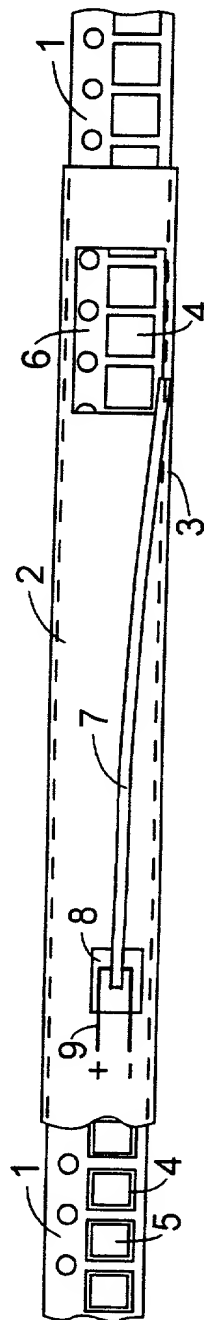


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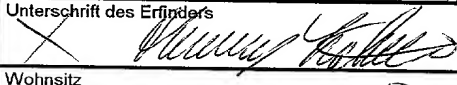
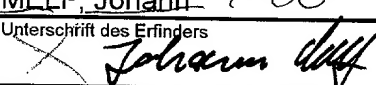
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